

D. C. Women Voters' League Has "Rolled Up Its Sleeves"

Organization Is Doing Effective Work for District Suffrage and Along Other Lines.

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ALTHOUGH several women's organizations have endorsed national representation for the District of Columbia, none has "rolled up sleeves" and gone to work for the movement as has the Voteless District of Columbia League of Women Voters. The very name of the organization, adopted in 1926, calls attention to the fact that the District of Columbia is disfranchised and that the fight for District representation is a continuing part of the program of work.

Education and the stimulation of interest in the subject have been the principal methods employed by the league in its efforts to attain their goal. Voteless themselves, and working under a recognized handicap in the promotion of reforms, league members realize that effective pressure must come from outside of the District.

When Mrs. Charles H. Weston, chairman of government and its operation, visited Connecticut recently on a speaking tour she was attempting to secure outside support.

"It was surprising that many in my audiences did not realize that we were without the vote and a few even thought that we Washingtonians did not pay taxes. People probably know these facts in a general way, but are not impressed by them. I was able to reach most of the leagues in the State through a series of county meetings and I now feel sure that we can count on the help of Connecticut in the future. Other States could probably be brought into line, too, if we could send speakers to them. It would be a great help if we could reach all of the State Legislatures."

Material Circulated. "On my recent trip I explained some of the things that happen in a town without a vote. People seemed particularly interested in the fact that because the National Zoo is in the District of Columbia budget, we pay 87 per cent of its upkeep. To pay our children to have the advantage of having a wonderful Zoo, but at the same time they suffer the disadvantages of a deplorable public health situation and inadequate public schools."

Quantities of material on District of Columbia taxation and fiscal relations have been carefully prepared by the league and widely circulated. Other groups working for the same object recognize the excellent quality of the league's material and there is a general agreement that when the league prepares a statement it is authentic.

One chart, which has created general interest, demonstrates the gradual shrinkage in the amount of money appropriated by Congress for District support, from 36 per cent of the total budget in 1923 to the 13 per cent appropriated in 1937. It also points out that in the perennial controversy over the amount of the Federal contribution the citizens have no direct representation.

Another statement explains the set of the District and shows that though the citizens contribute their share to national revenues, they still have no voice in the spending of those funds. The often repeated claim that District people vote in other States and so are represented is shown to be fallacious, and the pamphlet asks "What about the large number of people born and raised in the District who have no other residence?" Besides, voting in another State gives no voice in the conduct of local affairs, and home conditions are of vital importance to citizens.

The remedy, representation in Congress, the league points out, would not change the local government and would not remove legislative control by Congress, but would remove an old injustice by granting to District residents political rights enjoyed by other citizens of the United States. At the time of the inauguration of President Hoover and at the first Roosevelt inauguration league members co-operated with other civic groups, through the Citizens' Joint Committee on National Representation, in demonstrations calling the attention of visitors to the "voteless plight" of the District by handing out quantities of handbills. On several national election days the league sponsored the exhibition of ballot boxes draped in black, displayed in prominent locations.

Candidates Quizzed. Through co-operation with State leagues, affiliated with the National League of Women Voters, questionnaires have been sent by State leagues to candidates for election to Congress and one of the queries in them is "Do you favor Federal suffrage for the District of Columbia?" In this way the matter is presented and, too, the stand of the candidate is recorded. The National League is responsible for the beginning of a movement in the States for memorializing Congress by State Legislatures for the passage of the congressional joint resolution for national representation. California was the first State to send such a memorial. While this is one of the continuing activities of the local league, the work of studying local conditions and educating women voters is carried on as it is in other States. In addition to the department of government and its operation, under which the suffrage program is handled, the league has departments of child welfare, of which Mrs. R. Gordon Wagenet is chairman; of government and economic welfare, with Mrs. David Cushman Coyle chairman; of government and the legal status of women, of which Mrs. Pearl B. Klein is chairman, and of government and foreign policy, with Mrs. M. O. Lorenz in charge.

Reforms Suggested. Various study groups make careful investigations of local conditions and suggest reforms. The Child Welfare Department has studied the Juvenile Court long and carefully. It now sponsors a bill that would change the court from a court of criminal procedure to a court of chancery. The Department of Economic Welfare has recently completed an important study on the condition of employables of the District who have been refused relief. This group recommends more case workers and more relief funds. A study of a merit system for the District is nearing completion. While all of these matters have been carefully weighed and it is generally agreed that the recommendations are sound, league members foresee difficulties in getting results. These local matters must be decided by representatives from every State in the Union, except the District, and we have no vote," said Mrs. Weston. One of the most active workers for the cause of national representation for the District among Washington



MRS. CHARLES H. WESTON.



MRS. HORACE J. PHELPS.



MRS. LOUIS OTTENBERG.

Washington club women who have been prominent in work for national representation for the District. Mrs. Weston, as chairman of the Department of Government and Its Operation in the Voteless District of Columbia League of Women Voters, has recently made a speaking tour in Connecticut for the cause. Mrs. Ottenberg is president of the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Phelps has worked through the District Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Women To Attend Dinner

Mrs. Roosevelt Among Press Club Guests.

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT will head the list of some 30 distinguished women who will be honor guests at the annual dinner of the Women's National Press Club March 5 at the Willard Hotel. The program will consist of a luncheon, based on political events and the fables of society, an "off the record" talk by Mrs. Roosevelt.

The diplomatic corps will be represented by Senora de Epil, wife of the Ambassador of Argentina; Mme. Trovany, wife of the Ambassador of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics; Mme. Saito, wife of the Ambassador of Japan; Donna Matilde de Suñer, wife of the Italian Ambassador; Senora de los Rios, wife of the Spanish Ambassador; and Miss Wang, daughter of Dr. Chen Wang, Chinese Ambassador.

Wives of cabinet members who have accepted the invitation are Mrs. Cordell Hull, wife of the Secretary of State; Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., wife of the Secretary of the Treasury; Mrs. Harry H. Woodring, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. Homer S. Cummings, wife of the Attorney General; Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the Secretary of the Navy; Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture; Mrs. C. Roper, wife of the Secretary of Commerce.

All of the congressional women have accepted. They are Senator Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, Representative Virginia E. Jencks of Indiana, Representative Caroline O'Day of New York and Representative Nan Wood Honeyman of Oregon.

Many representative women in the business and professional world are also expected to attend. Dr. Annie Goodrich, dean emerita of Yale University School of Nursing, and Dr. Florence Gubin will be present. Mrs. Willis Roberts, editor of the Woman's Home Companion; Miss Therese Helburn of the Theater Guild and Claire Boothe, author of "The Women," have accepted. In private life Mrs. Boothe is Mrs. Henry R. Luce, wife of the editor of Time Magazine.

Acceptances have also been received from Miss Helen E. Hoskinson of the New Yorker, Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, Miss Elizabeth Hawes, fashion designer, and Miss Mary Lewis of Best & Co.

Legless Swimmer Dies. Australia is mourning the death in Sydney of a famous Australian swimmer. He was W. C. (Billy) Morris, popular legless swimmer and water polo player and official of various sporting organizations. He was 38 years old. "Billy" Morris was regarded as a promising distance swimmer before he lost both legs in a street car accident in 1931. Despite his disability he continued to enter competitive swimming events and recorded some surprisingly low times.

Farm Association.

The Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Capital division, will hold an all-day meeting tomorrow at the Highlands Apartment, 1914 Connecticut avenue N.W. Mrs. Murray Bookout, national president, will be present and Mrs. Winston Johns, president of the Capital division, will preside.

Mrs. Wilbur A. Nelson, executive secretary, will discuss reorganization at the morning session, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. and Mrs. Bessie Dunn Miller, home demonstration agent, also will speak.

Mrs. Robert B. Moseley of London, representing the Associated Country Women of the World, will be honor guest and speaker at the luncheon at noon.

Burnt Child Dreads—PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A bandit who had scooped \$60 from a chain store cash register and taken a wallet containing \$4 from Manager Frank Thorpe came back for a second visit. This time he got \$20 from the money drawer, then turned to Thorpe and asked for his wallet. "Not today," said Thorpe, "you got that the last time and I haven't carried one since."

Future Meetings of Woman's Clubs Announced

Civic and Study Clubs.

Women's City Club—Meetings at clubhouse, 736 Jackson place N.W. Monday: Bridge, 1:30 p.m.; Spanish, 4 p.m.; French dinner, 6 p.m.; French class, 7 p.m.; Tuesday: French, 11 a.m.; French lunch, 12 noon; bridge, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Current events section, 5 p.m. Speaker, Dr. James A. Nolan, "Law Enforcement in the District." Thursday: French, 5 p.m.; short-story writing, 6 p.m.; lecture, 8 p.m. Speaker, Dr. E. M. Lachure, "Yellowstone Park." Friday: Bridge, 1:15; public speaking and personality, 5 p.m.; civic forum, 8 p.m. John Hider, "Housing Program."

American Association of University Women—Meetings at the clubhouse, 1634 I street N.W. Monday: 2:45 p.m., creative writing group; 4 p.m., tea. Speaker, Dr. Robert M. "The Civilization of China Under the Republic." Tuesday: Applied art group, 7:30 p.m.; Evening book hour, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Social studies group, 11 a.m.; art appreciation group, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Morning book reviews, 11 a.m.; Education Committee dinner, 7 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Stringfellow Barr, "Crisis in Liberal Education." Friday: Duplicate contract bridge, 7:30 p.m. Delphian Society—George Washington group, Wednesday, 10 p.m., Georgetown Library. Mrs. Robert Howard, leader. Topics by Mrs. Alexander Bell, Eugene Brown, Mrs. Clyde De Binder, Mrs. A. B. Manley, G. P. Rawley, Mrs. Chester Swope and Mrs. J. B. Tilly. Mrs. George Lilly will preside. Topic assignments by Mrs. W. L. Evans. Twentieth Century Club—Art section, Monday, 2:30 p.m., Department of Justice Building. Speaker, Edward B. Rowan of the Treasury Department, "Murals of the Justice Building." Nature and garden sections,

joint meeting, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y. W. C. A. Speaker, Mrs. Robert M. Reese, "Wild Flowers." Illustration, French section, Thursday, 1 p.m., Y. W. C. A. Speaker, Mrs. Lewis West, "French Colonies in Africa."

Community Clubs.

Takoma Park Women's Club—Drama Group, Wednesday, 8 p.m., Takoma Park Library. Subject, "Government." Dramatic Production, Screen and Stage. Mrs. Frederick L. Pratt, hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. T. Himmelwright and Mrs. John Boniewicz. Duplicate bridge section, Thursday, 1 p.m., with Mrs. James S. Fraser, 105 Elm avenue N.W. Contract bridge section, Friday, 1 p.m., with Mrs. C. G. Royle, 207 Willow avenue N.W. Music section, Friday, 10 a.m., with Mrs. E. W. Spink, 220 Chestnut street N.W. "Washington Composers," program, with Miss Helen Williams, speaker.

Park View Women's Club—Literature Committee, Tuesday, 8 p.m., with Mrs. Harry Gutridge, 3210 Park place N.W.; speaker, Mrs. Jasper Bell, "The Makers of the Constitution." Mrs. Ruth Stitt reviews "Dear Mr. President," by B. Whitehurst; assisting hostesses, Mrs. Thomas H. Paris, Mrs. Louis Pelton and Mrs. John McKay. Petworth Women's Club—Art section, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Petworth Methodist Church; speaker, Miss Elizabeth Duval, "New Books." chairman of Luncheon Committee, Mrs. Fred Wemple; section chairman, Mrs. R. K. Bailey, Music section, Thursday, 7:45 p.m., with Mrs. A. G. Dunn, 3810 Eighth street N.W.; assisting hostess, Mrs. John McE. The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase—German section, Monday, 1 p.m., with Mrs. Willis J. Nolan, 607

Cumberland avenue, Somerset, Md.; "Deutsche Gedichte und Aussprüche aus dem Leben der Dichter." Art section, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., All Saints Church, Chevy Chase. Mrs. Lewis West, exhibition and tea. Nature section, Mrs. Harold C. Bryant, leader; Thursday, 10 a.m., for visit to George Washington flour mill. Social section, Thursday, 9 p.m., Brook Farm Tea House; dancing and cards; hostesses, Mrs. Joseph P. Bryant, Mrs. Edith C. Garfield, Mrs. Alvin C. Ketcham, Mrs. Barton P. Root and Mrs. E. A. Schmitt.

Miscellaneous Clubs.

Curley Club—Study group, Monday, 8:30 p.m., with William Boyd, 217 Fifth street N.E. Club meeting, Thursday, 8:15 p.m., Continental Hotel. Dancing and bridge. Writers' League—Thursday, 8:15 p.m., Thomson School. Democratic Women's National Council—Monday, 8 p.m., 1500 Rhode Island avenue N.W. Speaker, Mrs. Isabel Sherman of the Farm Security Administration. Motion picture, "The Plot That Broke the Plains." Absentee voters study group, Thursday, 8 p.m., 1500 Rhode Island avenue N.W. Mrs. S. Jennings Asbury, chairman, will preside. Washington Chapter, National Home for Jewish Children at Denver—Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center. Speaker, Dr. M. M. Greenberg. Women's Welsh Club—Monday, 8 p.m., with Senator James J. Davis, 304 Massachusetts avenue N.W. Speaker, Mrs. John J. Kane of Warren, Ohio, national president. Music by the Welsh Club Quartet—Mrs. Irvin L. Clark, Mrs. Ervin G. Thomas, Mrs. A. G. Stone and Mrs. John Stiteley. Accompanied, Mrs. G. Victor Thornton. Women's National Democratic Club—

New Yorker Will Speak Feb. 22

Beck to Address Patriotic Units of Societies.

LEADERSHIP FOR TOMORROW will be the theme of the Washington's birthday anniversary celebration at Memorial Continental Hall Tuesday morning when Cameron Beck, director of the New York Stock Exchange Institute, will address the four patriotic units of the Societies of the American Revolution.

He will discuss the problem of training youth for leadership. Formerly personnel director of the New York Stock Exchange and now director of the Stock Exchange Institute, he will give, by case presentations, the qualities of character believed necessary to a successful business career. This program, sponsored by the D. A. R. as a feature of the Washington's birthday anniversary celebration, is closely allied with the major project of the society, "Education for Youth," and with the object of the organization based on the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people "to promote institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge."

The United States Marine Band Orchestra, under the leadership of Capt. Taylor Branson, will open the celebration with a half hour of music, starting at 10:30 a.m., and representatives of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution and Children of the American Revolution will speak briefly. The Alden Singers, under the direction of Jewel Downs, will appear in two groups of musical numbers. Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, state regent of the District, will preside.

On Washington's birthday Thomas Marshall Chapter will honor Mrs. William Henry Wagner at a tea at Grayson House, 1851 Wyoming avenue N.W. from 4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Wagner is now presented by her chapter as a candidate for State librarian.

Federal City Chapter will be entertained in the evening at the home of Mrs. Mahlon A. Winter, 2329 Ashmead place N.W. Mrs. Winter will be assisted by Mrs. John H. McTeer, Mrs. Harry B. Pollock and Mrs. Kate Trumbull Byrd.

A new American flag will be presented to Troop 112, Girl Scouts, tomorrow by the Susan Revere Hetzel Chapter, at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p.m. A number of new books were given to the Public Library at Culpeper, Va. last week by members of the chapter.

Potomac Chapter will entertain this afternoon at tea in honor of Mrs. Roy C. Bowker, state chairman of Approved Schools and candidate for State recording secretary. Mrs. J. F. Little will be the hostess.

The 30th anniversary of Judge Lynn Chapter was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the home of the regent, Mrs. Enoch J. Vann. Receiving with Mrs. Vann at the tea were Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig, State regent and candidate for the national office of vice president general, who is a member of Judge Lynn Chapter, and Mrs. Carleton C. Hoffer, the chapter's candidate for State treasurer.

CHAMPION "TINKERER"

Latest Device Is Remote Controlled Miniature Elevator.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. (AP)—John M. Boyles, 69, is, in his own words, "a great tinkerer" and his grandchild, a boy of 10, is his hobby. His hobby, making miniature mechanical devices, lately produced a miniature elevator—operated by remote control.

The stops of the elevator are regulated for regular floor spaces and are controlled by one of three means. Boyles has a hand-operated switch, an automatic switch and a remote control arrangement. The 6-foot 12-inch elevator is entirely handmade, even to brass bolts, and is painted in red, black and green. The grandchildren, who already have received the skyscraper-type miniature, are anxiously awaiting completion of Boyles' newest venture. It's a miniature derrick, finished except for perfecting a control method.

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Pilgrimage By Women Planned

Democratic Club To Pay Visit to Wilson Tomb.

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's National Democratic Club will be held Wednesday and will include a pilgrimage to the tomb of Woodrow Wilson at 2 p.m., a business session with election of officers at 3 p.m. and a dinner meeting at 7:30, when the speaker will be Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky. The last two events will take place at the clubhouse, 1526 New Hampshire avenue N.W. The pilgrimage to the Cathedral will start from the clubhouse at 1:30 p.m.

Members wishing to participate in the pilgrimage are asked to notify club officers, so that transportation may be arranged. Mrs. Charles Warren is chairman of this event and will be the speaker in the exercises at the Cathedral.

Reports of standing committees will be heard at the business meeting at 3 p.m. Polls for voting on the new officers will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant is chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. William Jennings Price is chairman of the Elections Committee.

The names to be voted on are: President, Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard; first vice president, Mrs. Garland S. Ferguson, Jr.; second vice president, Mrs. J. Brent Clark; recording secretary, Mrs. Albert A. Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frederick W. Weigester; and treasurer, Mrs. Frank S. Bright. Candidates for the Board of Governors are Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, Mrs. John Allen Dougherty, Mrs. Edward B. Meigs, Mrs. Samuel Herrick, Mrs. Cordell Hull, Mrs. Loren Johnson, Mrs. Charles Warren and Mrs. Howard Morehead.

PANAMA WILL STAGE COLORFUL CELEBRATION

New Queen of Central America to Reign at Festival Which Brings Business Holiday.

PANAMA, Feb. 19.—Panama, one of the most colorful of Central American republics, will assume a new glamour during the last week of February, when the annual carnival takes place, climaxed by the coronation of the Queen of Central America. During the festival, which is similar to the Mardi Gras of the Riviera, business comes virtually to a standstill as the banks and the majority of offices are closed.

Beginning Saturday, February 26, the carnival lasts through Shrove Tuesday. The first day is one of general celebration, with Coronation Day, Sunday, the 27th, known as Pollera Day. Dressed in their colorful poleras, the señoritas of the beauty parlors parade the streets, singing native songs. With Monday, the 28th, again devoted to general celebration, the streets are abandoned to the dancing of the native "Cumbia" and "Tamborito."

The fiestas reach their climax on Tuesday, when the parade of floats and mummings jam the avenues, led by the queen. The celebration continues on into the night, with frequent stops at "toldos," the large dancing platforms open to the public.

Denmark has started a campaign for more and bigger walnuts.